

HIV/AIDS Profile: Eritrea

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	4,136	Growth Rate (%)	3.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	77	Both Sexes	56
Male	84	Male	53
Female	69	Female	58
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	43	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	12
Percent Urban	16	Total Fertility Rate	5.9

Note: Above indicators are for 2000.

Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	2.9 %
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 6/30/98	1.27
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 6/30/98	4890

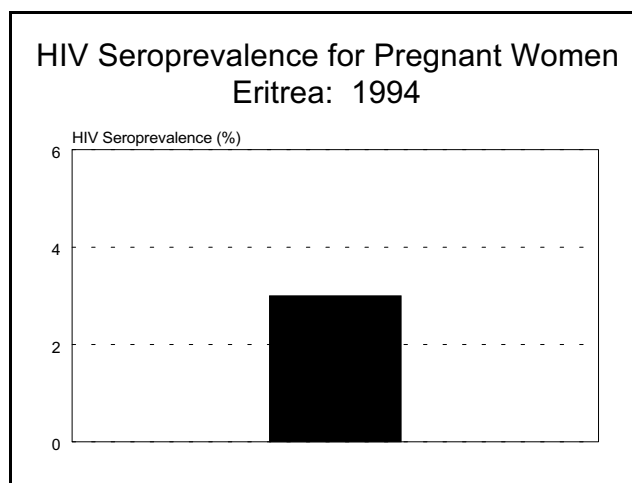
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

There is little new data on the status of the epidemic in Eritrea. However, available information indicates that there are already high levels of HIV infection among the groups at highest risk and has also spread into the general adult population.

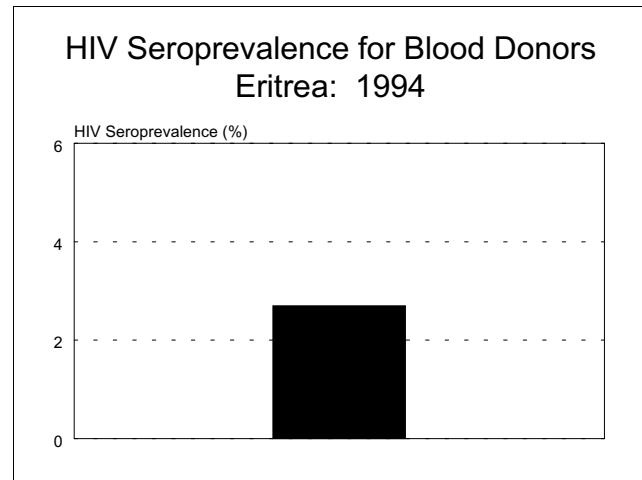
- HIV seroprevalence for pregnant woman tested in Eritrea was 3 percent in 1994.



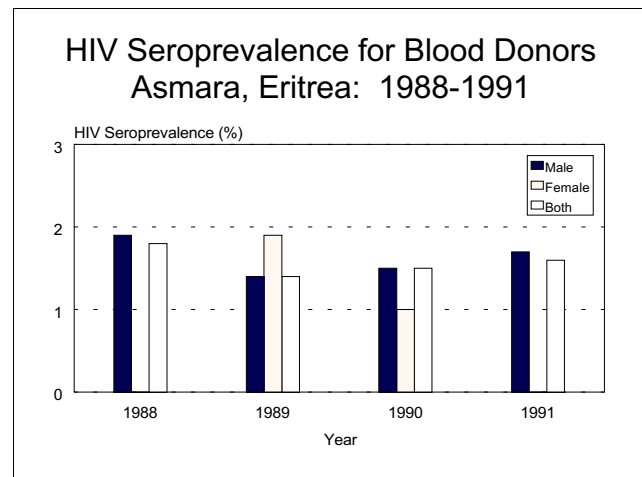
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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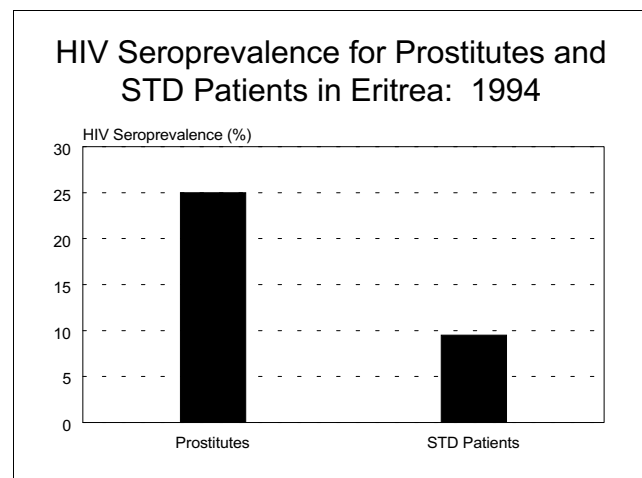
- In 1994, 3 percent of blood donors tested HIV positive in Eritrea.



- Results from the Ethiopian Red Cross Society blood bank in Asmara show that between 1988 and 1991, approximately 1.5 percent of all blood donors were HIV infected.



- In 1994, 25 percent of prostitutes tested were HIV positive. The seroprevalence for STD patients reached 10 percent in 1994.



Sources for Eritrea

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